

Cox Coincidence Confuses Connett

The long arm of coincidence reached out this week to cause considerable confusion in the lives of two Torrance families and a local real estate agent.

Two families with almost the same name and same addresses are selling their homes to go into the service station and garage business. Both have two children. They are not related and never heard of each other before the confusion began.

Involved in the mix-up are Raymond Lee Cox, 163 W. 224th Pl., and Lee Cox, 163 W. 226th St., who live just two blocks apart. Still scratching his head is Realtor Perry Connett, who almost tried to sell the wrong Cox's house.

Mrs. Raymond Lee Cox had contacted Connett to discuss the possibility of handling the sale of their home, since her husband is planning to go into the service station and garage business for himself. Connett agreed to call back when her husband was home.

Having left the phone number at the office, Connett looked up the number in the phone book. Lee Cox is listed; Raymond Lee Cox is not. He called Lee Cox.

"Is this the man who is thinking of selling his house?" the Realtor asked, and Cox said he was.

"You're going into your own garage business?" Connett asked, to be sure he had the right party. Cox said he was.

Connett said he had discussed the matter with Cox's wife and setup an appointment to meet the couple.

Back at his office the next day, Connett checked again, this time with the right phone number. He talked again to Mrs. Raymond Lee Cox, who knew of no appointment. Looking at the phone numbers and addresses again, Connett discovered his error.

As a result, however, Mrs. Raymond Lee Cox called Mrs. Lee Cox and the two ladies discovered that they had a number of things in common—names, addresses, husbands' planned occupations, and one son and one daughter each. Both families have lived in the area for several years.

The confusion is thus ended.

Flood Control Channel Project Nearly Finished

Reconstruction of Dominguez channel on a new alignment between Vermont and Dekker Aves. is now scheduled to be completed by Jan. 15, eight months ahead of the original time limit, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn reported this week.

"This means that the people of Gardena and Torrance will have greatly increased flood control and protection during the coming rainy season," Supervisor Hahn stated.

He pointed out that this project is the first in a series designed to improve permanently the channel from Vermont upstream to 120th St. at Crenshaw Blvd.

The new alignment of the channel is approximately 600 feet south of, parallel to, Artesia Blvd. It eliminates two crossings of Artesia, one at Halldale and one near Vermont, and shortens the channel slightly.

Concrete Lined
The new channel section is fully improved on a right of way of 125 feet. It is lined with concrete sides and bottom. The channel itself is 75 feet wide and 18 feet deep.

The new alignment also required the construction of new bridges on Normandie and Vermont Aves., replacing the inadequate culverts under these two streets north of Artesia, and extension of the Normandie Ave. bond issue storm drain.

Supervisor Hahn pointed out that construction of the new bridges would assist greatly in improving the channel's capacity to carry flood water.

New Bridges
He explained that much of the flooding in this area in

Camper Meet Set Tonight

Past and future YMCA campers and leaders will meet at the YMCA tonight from 7 to 8:30 for a campers' reunion and to hear about camp plans for 1958.

Among the trips planned will be a younger boys' camp at Round Meadow, John Muir backpack, High Sierra and Yellowstone caravans, Sequoia Base Camp, and Mozumdar Girls' Camp.

Also on the program will be the Walt Disney film, "Beaver Valley," showing many of nature's wonders. Refreshments also will be served. All prospective campers are welcome.

the past was caused by the inability of the small culverts under Normandie and Vermont to carry the water through. This, plus the fact that debris would be caught against the small culverts, would cause the water to dam and back up.

"With the new bridges now completed and open to traffic, this problem should be solved at this location," Supervisor Hahn stated. Water will pass under these two streets through huge concrete boxes, 75 feet wide and 18 feet deep. Supervisor Hahn reported that water has now been diverted to the new channel section and that the old channel is to be filled.

Drain Final Phase
The largest remaining job to be completed is the extension of the Normandie drain, which can be completed in 30 days, and general cleanup work, Supervisor Hahn said.

"I am very pleased with the fine progress on this project and the fact that it makes it possible to provide the people of Gardena and Torrance with this increased protection now, rather than a year from now," he declared.

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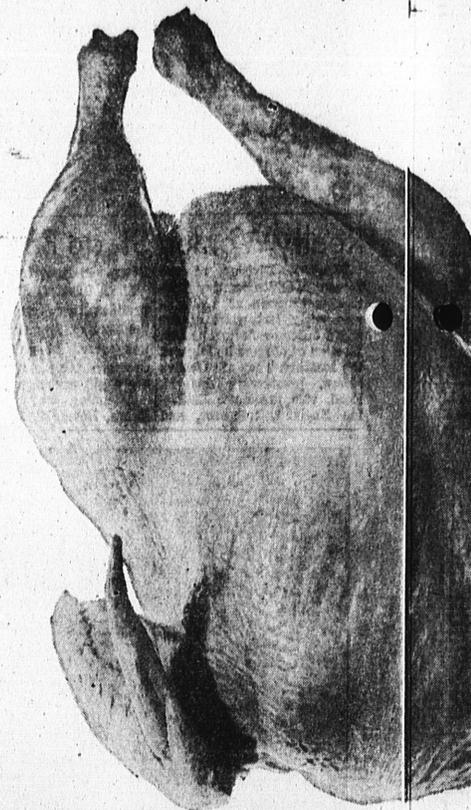
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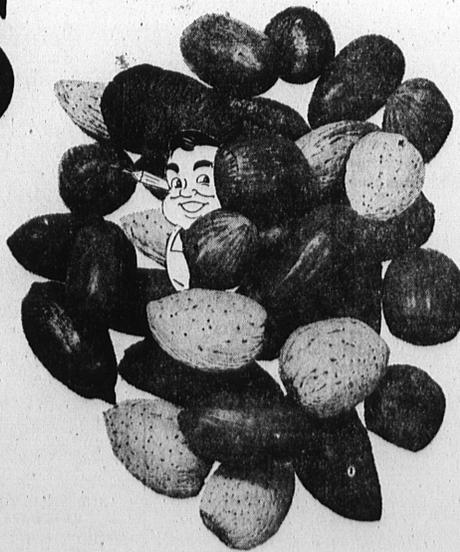
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